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Transit finds \$9.2M

REVIEW

**Savings much
 needed as
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An independent firm has found savings of \$9.2 million in the city's latest Zero-Based Review (ZBR) of Calgary Transit.

That's like finding 2.92 million CTrain tickets at the platform.

ZBRs aim to find savings without affecting service to the customer, and this one of transit going before a council committee on Tuesday is just the latest.

The review's authors at Morrison-Hershfield made 10 final recommendations. Administration has asked city council to accept nine of them, including transferring funding responsibility for the low income passes to

another city department, contracting out janitorial and outdoor maintenance, and phasing out seniors' yearly passes for other alternatives.

The one recommendation city staff wants to turn down involves contracting out the work of cleaning and servicing of buses in the fleet.

According to the report, contracting out that work would closely impact fleet maintenance, and the savings projected by the review's authors would not actually be realized.

Coun. Shane Keating, chair of the city's standing policy committee on transportation and transit, said the value of the savings will add up over the years due to annual savings. He said the timing is good because Calgary Transit has taken a hit in revenues during the economic downturn.

It remains to be seen, though, whether those savings stay in their department or "whether we supplement them another way," said Keating.

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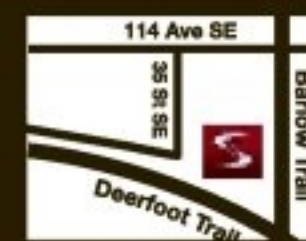


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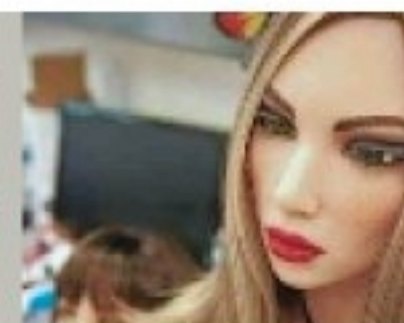
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IN BRIEF

Teen dies in ATV rollover

EMS paramedics from Priddis responded to McLean Creek Trail over reports of an injured all-terrain vehicle rider on Saturday.

When they arrived, bystanders explained that the boy was a significant distance in the back-country. A helicopter was requested, and crews were able to locate the injured boy. Despite revival efforts, he was declared dead on scene. METRO

Five hurt in Temple crash

A multi-vehicle collision in Temple injured five men on Saturday evening.

Just after 7 p.m., Emergency Medical Services sent five ambulances to 52nd Street at Temple Drive N.W. Two of the men, one middle-aged and one in his 20s, were transported in life-threatening condition with internal injuries to Foothills Medical Centre, according to a news release. METRO

Okotoks motorcyclist dies upon striking pickup truck

A 22-year-old Okotoks man has died after his motorcycle struck the rear of a truck near Champion on Saturday night.

At 9 p.m., Vulcan RCMP were called to a collision at the intersection of Highway 23 and Highway 529. They said the east-bound motorcycle failed to stop at a stop sign. Speed is believed to be a factor. METRO



From left: Alex McColl, Jessica Schmidtke and Jeromy Farkas sport Wildrose Pride shirts at the Lilac Festival on Sunday. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Wildrose emblazon LGBTQ love on their chests at event

LILAC FESTIVAL

Party aims to show support after scandal



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

They're here and they're queer — sort of.

On Sunday, Wildrose volunteers were giving away their LGBTQ shirts at the Lilac Festival, showing that they, too, fancy the rainbow.

In light of a homophobic Facebook comment about Ontario's premier that Wildrose MLA Derek Fildebrandt endorsed, a group of Wildrose volunteers and officials hit the streets to vocalize their support for the LGBTQ community.

Fildebrandt, who was also on the street with Wildrose LGBTQ shirts, had apologized online that night after the endorsement, saying he had not read the original comment correctly.

Jeromy Farkas, president of the Wildrose's Calgary-Elbow constituency association, said his constituency expects the party to condemn homophobia and defend the rights of all people. That includes supporting re-

ligious organizations that don't condone same-sex marriages while still championing gay rights, according to Alex McColl, who's also part of the Calgary-Elbow constituency.

"For years, we've had a lot of LGBTQ members and volunteers and we just wanted to be visibly championing their efforts, and figured why not now," he said.

Deborah Drever, NDP MLA for Calgary-Bow, said she's glad the

Wildrose is recognizing it needs to include the community.

"I think it took them time for them to finally do it," she said. "I'm just happy to be part of a government that's fully inclusive."

In 2014, the Wildrose voted 148-109 against an attempt to enshrine an equality statement that respects the rights of people regardless of race, religious belief, gender and sexual orientation.

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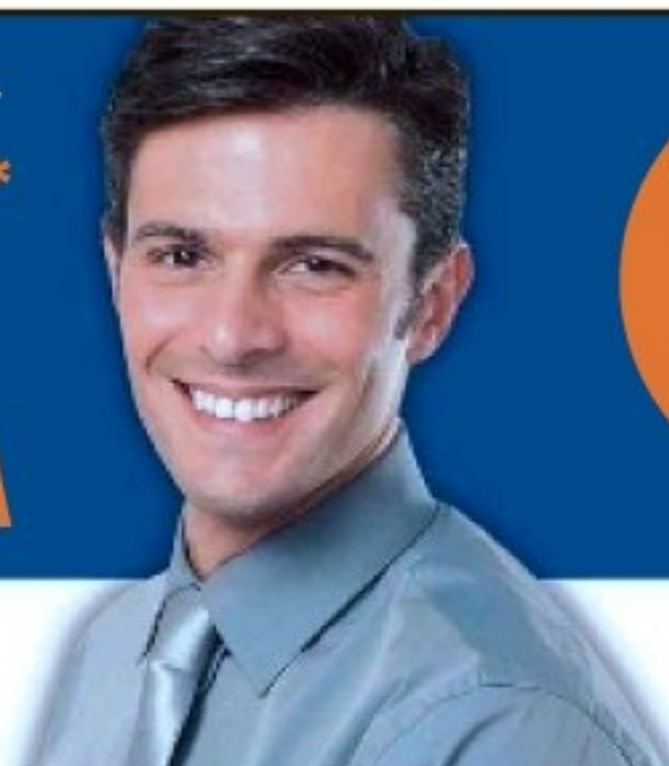
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Kylie Toh, Calgary's Chic Geek

VOLUNTEERISM

Tech support organization helps bridge gender gap



Aaron Chatha
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Kylie Toh is a smart, talented and motivated woman in the technology industry — a description that's not too common in a field often criticized for lacking diversity.

In 2013, Toh set out to change that (remember how we said she was motivated?).

She became the founder of a Calgary organization called Chic Geek, an entirely volunteer-run community that supports women exploring technology and entrepreneurship through tech talks, meet-ups and mentorship programs.

She saw a gap in the beginner-friendly tech market and sought to fill it.

"This is a place where women — and actually men, too — who want to explore technology can come and learn," she said. "There are no stupid questions. Everyone is welcome. It's just a really friendly place to get started."

The most recent Statistics Canada data — from 2011 — shows women accounted for 39 per cent of graduates from university STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs, compared to 66 per cent from



Kylie Toh sits in front of her inspired team of Chic Geek volunteers at Start Up Calgary. AARON CHATHA/METRO

non-STEM programs.

Also, most women who do pursue a career in STEM fields usually go into biology or science, as opposed to engineering, computer science or mathematics.

"We need to see more women in tech because it's part of building diversity in this sector," Toh explained. "We know that diversity leads to more background questions and problems being solved — which leads to more

innovation. Innovation is what drives our economy and our future, especially in our current economic state."

Since Chic Geeks inception, it's helped a wide-range of entrepreneurs in Calgary, from recent university graduates to an 11-year-old girl starting her own robot business at home.

Toh said it's about inspiring women in tech — and being inspired by them, as well.



There are no stupid questions. Everyone is welcome.

Kylie Toh

Now that the organization has cemented itself as an invaluable resource to Calgarian entrepre-

neurs, they're taking the next step — a flagship conference called Geeky Summit, which will take places on Nov 16.

A full-day event with international speakers, it's theme will be celebrating imperfections.

"It's been this pipe dream of Chic Geek since we started and we're finally at a place where we can launch it," beamed Toh, incredibly proud of Chic Geek's accomplishments.

"It's like I'm walking on Cloud 9. Also, I'm extremely humbled by the passionate volunteer team that helps me build Chic Geek by being driven and curious individuals."

Aside from the annual Meet n' Geek meet-up, the group also hosts learning opportunities, like a beginner's intro to iOS app development at the end of June.

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Clay Visser was found dead in his truck last week after he went missing on Oct. 21, 2015. FACEBOOK

Family looks for answers

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Clay Visser, found dead in truck, was 'loved by many'



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Clay Visser was a larger-than-life guy who'd sing a good tune and help anyone in need, according to his sister, Shari Heiser.

On Friday, Calgary police confirmed Visser was found dead, but noted they weren't releasing further information as the case wasn't considered criminal in nature.

On Sunday, Heiser said her brother was known as "the world's greatest uncle," who was close with his siblings and worked with disabled children.

"He loved to travel and would come back with a pack of souvenirs for everybody," Heiser recalled. "He gave the best hugs ever. He was so big but he'd give you a strong hug that wouldn't break you."

According to Heiser, Visser was last seen on October 21. He disappeared after a phone call and said he'd be returning soon, but never came back.

Police told Heiser that of-

ficers found Visser lying in the backseat of the cab of his truck with the seats up in the community of Marlborough, she said, adding they told her he had died of a blood clot in his heart.

"His cellphone is still missing," she said. "That's the part that's got us curious."

She said she's also wondering how nobody noticed Visser's truck for eight months, as it apparently never moved from its spot in Marlborough when he went missing.

Calgary police couldn't confirm Heiser's comments as they weren't available to speak on Sunday.

Heiser said the family has some closure, now that they know Visser is dead.



We know that he hasn't been murdered, but we still have a few questions.

Shari Heiser

"It gives us closure in a way that we know where he is," Heiser said. "We know that he hasn't been murdered, but we still have a few questions. We don't have all the answers we need, but what we did need was him home, and he's home now."

Heiser said she's been busy planning for Visser's memorial service, which will be held on Saturday at the Forest Heights Community Hall.

"He's loved by many," she said.

"Keep in touch with your loved ones and enjoy every day. Life is precious."

POLITICS

Alberta PCs launch leadership race

Red or blue, the Progressive Conservatives are open to anyone — including outsiders — to run for the party's leadership come spring 2017.

On Saturday, the PC party announced it appointed a leadership election committee — which includes former premier Dave Hancock — to ensure a fair process for anyone who's ready to hoist the party from the ashes.

Troy Wason, executive direc-

tor for the PCs, said the party expects a diverse range of candidates.

"Come one, come all," he said. "This sort of thing is open to everybody. We're looking for an individual that represents the people from our party, and that runs a gamut from everybody from progressives (to) conservatives."

"We're looking for a good Albertan who will represent our party and brings us forward to

the 2019 election."

The PC leadership election will occur sometime before April 30, 2017.

Wason said the party hasn't yet received applications for the leadership, adding the leadership committee will report back on June 30 with more details.

Interim PC Leader Ric McIver has said he's mulling over a potential leadership bid.

"I need to think about that and determine whether run-

ning for the leadership is right for Alberta, right for our party and right for me," he said in early May.

Wason said he expects the leadership race to be quite exciting as every riding gets to weigh in on which candidate they want to represent them.

"I'm hopeful that we get good quality candidates," he said. "We choose the best candidate to represent our party."

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Stuntman fights fire with fire



Dennis Pettigrew has broken the wall of fire record 17 times — and this time, he's raising money for the victims of Fort McMurray. AARON CHATHA/METRO

DAREDEVIL

Motorcyclist to brave blaze to raise funds for Fort Mac



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Stuntman Dennis Pettigrew wants to help the people of Fort McMurray the only way he knows how — by riding through a wall of fire on his motorcycle.

He's already broken the world record for longest run through a wall of fire 17 times, so he's fairly confident he can break it once again.

His biggest hurdle right now isn't the searing hot flames though; it's the liability and insurance companies.

"Any time a person does a stunt, (they) risk their life," Pettigrew said. "Otherwise, it wouldn't be a stunt."

But that has insurance

companies scared — and it means Pettigrew is paying a premium for insurance.

It also means it's hard to get sponsors and donations, even if he's doing it for a good cause.

"We don't go to see something work, we go to see it mess up," he laughed. "It's all good — I love p—ing them off by not messing up."

ting to work constructing the new wall. It will be eight feet wide by eight feet tall, and 400 feet long.

That's longer than a football stadium.

He'll have a fire suit on and his bike on an alternative fuel.

Pettigrew's love of stunts began with a drunken dare over a bonfire, with a sleep-



Any time a person does a stunt, they risk their life.

Dennis Pettigrew

Pettigrew's solution to this is to ask anyone donating to give directly to the Red Cross — no money will touch his hands, and he'll just go on good faith the money was donated in exchange for a sticker or signage during the stunt.

He hopes this will prevent companies from being liable in the event something goes wrong, and gives them plenty of time to donate ahead of his stunt date in September. Pettigrew is already get-

ing Evil Knievel nearby. Since then, he's hoped to use his skills to help people.

"When you look at me, I'm not the type of guy you want your daughter to bring home," he said.

"If we can change how people feel about us, what we're like and what we do, that's a good thing too. Is it selfish? Yeah, in part. But it helps both sides."

Pettigrew can be contacted at dennis.pettigrew@yahoo.com.

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Albertans see it half-empty

ECONOMY

Oil uptick not enough to fill Albertans' drinking glass



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The recent uptick in oil price isn't enough to sway Albertans into thinking the province has a rosy future ahead of them when it comes to the economy.

A poll conducted exclusively for Metro shows that 47 per cent of people believe the economy has yet to hit bottom and that things will still get worse before they get better.

Another 38 per cent believe the economy is starting a recovery, while 15 per cent of people are unsure about the current situation.

Marc Henry, president of ThinkHQ, who conducted the survey said people still seem to see the glass as half-empty.

"People think there is still sort of another shoe that may drop before it starts to get better. There is an air of pessimism that still lingers in the province," he said.



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Marc Henry

The survey also asked Albertans whether oil prices would eventually start to rise or if low oil is a new normal.

On that question 57 per cent of respondents assume prices will come back up, bringing the economy with them.

"They think this is fairly normal even though nobody likes it. Most Albertans think this is part of the normal price cycle and eventually we will be back into a higher priced market," said Henry.

On that same question, 28 per cent of residents believe the world may have fundamentally changed its course and that low prices are here to stay.

Those opinions were consistent between Edmonton and Calgary, but people who voted NDP in the last election were much more likely to believe low oil prices were here to stay.

The poll found 37 per cent of the party's supporters believe high prices won't return compared to 18 per cent of Wildrose supporters and 22 per cent of Progressive Conservatives.

Henry said that might just be about world view.

"It could be wishful thinking in Alberta moving toward more renewable energy and more carbon sensitive poli-

THE FUTURE

Albertans not optimistic about province's economy

Conservative voters were more likely to think things will get worse — 55 per cent of respondents who voted PC in the last election think things will get worse.

Meanwhile, only 42 per cent of NDP voters asked felt the same way.

People in Edmonton and central Alberta were the least optimistic, while people in Northern Alberta were the most optimistic.

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cies," he said.

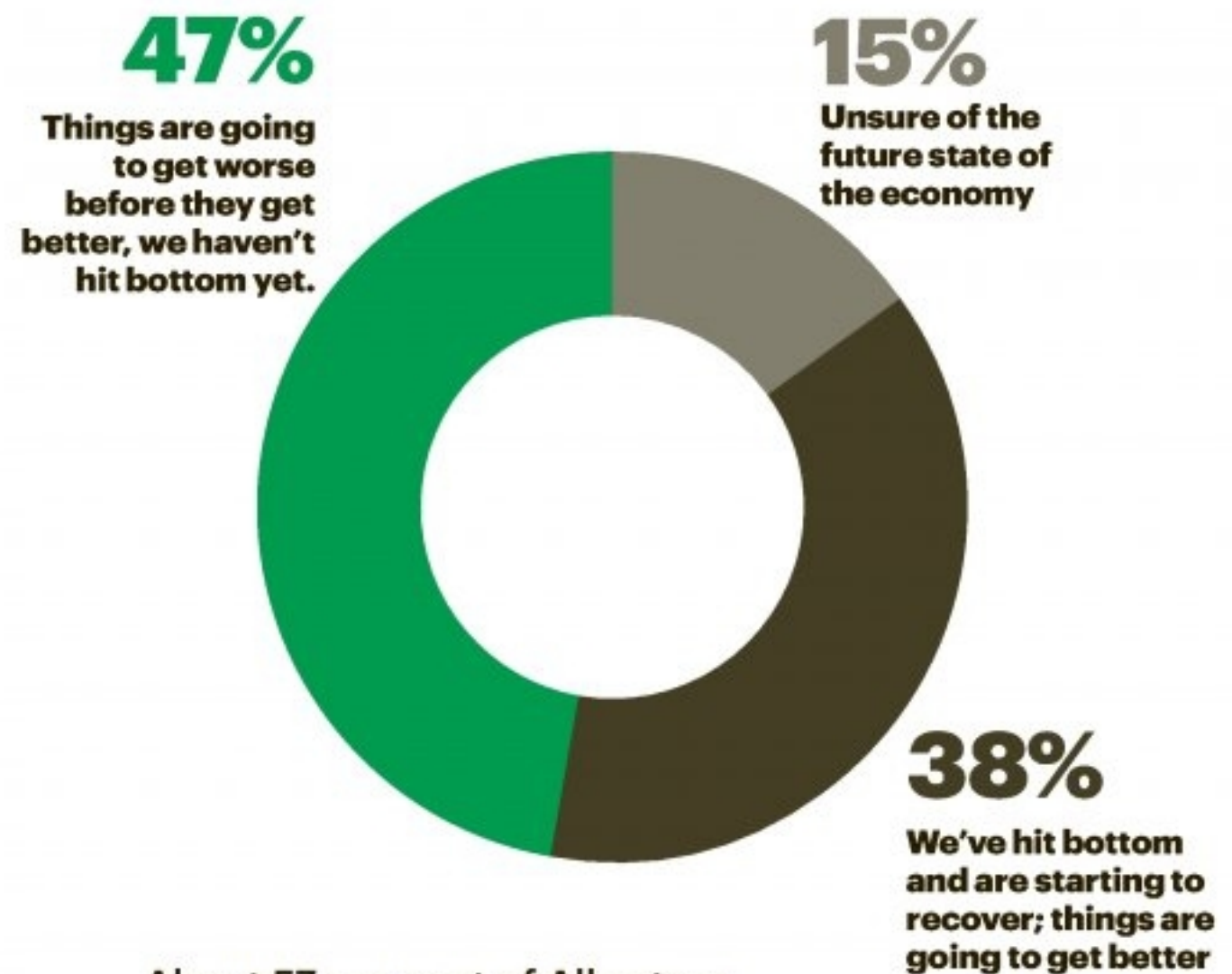
Overall, Henry said public sentiment will likely be the last thing to change when it comes to the economy, because things will have to get much better before people begin to feel it in their wallets.

"You're going to need to see prices at a level where you start to see some of these companies hiring people back and that's going to take time."

The online survey uses a representative, but non-random sample and margin of error is not applicable, but a sample of this size would yield a margin of error of plus or minus 2.7 per cent 19 times out of 20.

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1 When it comes to the future price of oil, and its impact on Alberta, which of the following points of view best represent your own feelings?



About 57 per cent of Albertans believe that low prices are all part of the normal cycle, and in time we will see high prices again.

57%

About 28 per cent of Albertans believe that the province will never see high prices for oil again.

28%

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Eric Wilson and his team at base camp in Mount Robson Provincial Park, where they hiked to a remote area to shoot a 20-second scene for X-Men: Apocalypse. CONTRIBUTED

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Smart Drones' footage makes the cut in latest from franchise



Three minutes of vacation footage got a St. Albert startup into a Hollywood blockbuster.

Eric Wilson and his friends at Smart Drones went to the Rocky Mountains and brought a drone, typically used for very unflashy things like 3D modelling of gravel pits, to make a recreational video.

The resulting clip, with overhead shots of gorgeous scenery set to the sound of Sunday Girl covering the Pixies classic Where

is My Mind, was made strictly for friends and family.

"We put it up on YouTube for everyone to have a place to go look at it," Wilson said.

After a friend shared the video on Reddit, Wilson got a call from a viral aggregator who pitched it to major media outlets across North America.

A week later, he got an email from someone claiming to be an assistant editor at 20th Century Fox who wanted them to shoot a scene for the X-Men: Apocalypse Movie. He thought it was spam.

It wasn't. "It turned out he was for real, he just really liked that video and he wanted to see if we could license them some footage."

Soon, Wilson was talking to John Dykstra, a visual effects pioneer who worked on the original Star Wars films. It turned out he, too, had seen the group's vacation footage and was working on the X-Men flick.

"Having the opportunity to work with him, being a big Star Wars fan myself, was absolutely phenomenal," Wilson said.

Dykstra instructed Smart Drones to find a location in the mountains with an "ominous" feel and "very, very specific amounts of snow and ice." The crew set off to Mount Robson Provincial Park in B.C. and collectively hiked more than 100 kilometres to get the footage, while pulling 200 pounds of equipment on a sled.

A 20-second clip from that gruelling trek made the final cut of the No. 1 box office smash — X-Men: Apocalypse pulled in \$80 million in its opening weekend.

Last week, Wilson was one of the millions who saw his work on the big screen.

"That was when everything became real to me," he said.

"The second I saw it on the screen it definitely struck me quite powerfully."

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Lilac Festival ups its

CULTURE

Annual event celebrates a Styrofoam-free 2016

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

There didn't appear to be an ounce of Styrofoam at this year's Lilac Festival.

On Sunday, about 100,000 Calgarians — or more — ventured onto 4th Street to catch some rays, munch on deep-fried goodness and jive to Calgary's local acts.

And for those who decided to grab a bite or slush, their containers weren't made out of Styrofoam. That's because

this year's Lilac Festival organizers wanted to up their green power, which has become an annual staple as they look to lessen their environmental impact.

Jennifer Rempel, executive director of the 4th Street BRZ, said it made sense to encourage the reduction of Styrofoam.

"It's part of our evolution to become environmentally friendly and lessen the impact we have on our landfill," Rempel said.

Hali Sobkowich, who co-owns the cappuccino bar, said she's stopped using Styrofoam this year.

"It's just good for the environment," she said.

Rempel said organizers have also encouraged folks to take transit and bike to the festival.

"It's lessening the impact on the community," she said, adding she expects about 125,000 people to attend due to the sunshine.

"I think we're very inclusive of everybody," she said.

"It creates a sense of community for Calgarians to come together on the street and celebrate."

- 1 Aayan Syed, 8, making his mark on the sidewalk
- 2 Zulie Alnahas performs with the Vizard Show
- 3 Jo-Jo O'Donoghue on stage
- 4 Jean-Phillip Charpentier sizzles smokies
- 5 Melissa Vivaros with Yummy Churos was frying the sweet treats



“It's part of our evolution to become environmentally friendly and lessen the impact we have on our landfill.”
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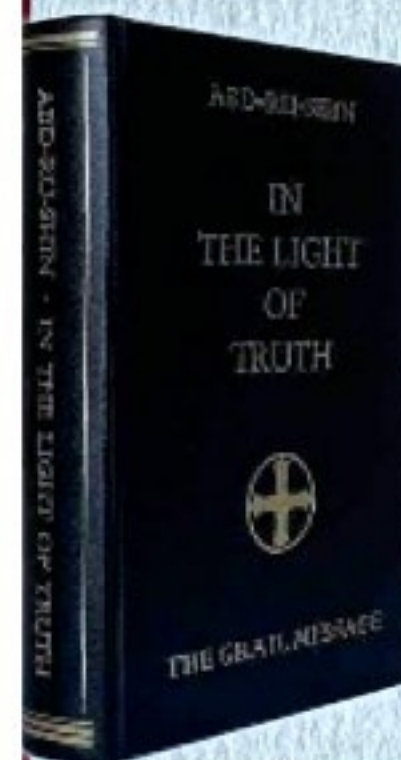
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Votes gathered on assisted dying

POLITICS

PM lets caucus follow their conscience on controversy

Doug Eyolfson did not love the physician-assisted dying bill at first, but he ended up supporting it.

The Winnipeg emergency room doctor and Liberal MP was concerned the Trudeau government's proposed legislation would not allow patients to decide in advance they would like to end their lives with the help of a physician once they reached a certain point.

"It's something that I would personally want for myself and

something I would like to see, at some point, provided to patients as an option," Eyolfson said.

The deeply personal played a major role in the decisions of individual Liberals when it came to their votes on Bill C-14, the federal government's response to the Supreme Court ruling that did away with the ban on physician-assisted suicide.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau kept his promise to give his caucus a free vote on this matter of conscience, while ensuring his Liberal government avoided embarrassment on a major piece of legislation which could end up being a part of its legacy.

The political victory could be short-lived, as C-14 is getting a serious grilling in the far-less-predictable Senate, but the

+ CHIEF WHIP

Andrew Leslie, the chief government whip, said not only did he have to keep track of whether Liberal MPs were close enough to make it to the House of Commons for a vote on short notice, he also had to gauge how they were feeling and thinking on any given day, never certain until each MP voted.

moves to quell opposition debate in the House of Commons and the lengthy discussions with caucus offer a glimpse at how the government will handle other thorny issues it will face during its mandate.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during the Press Gallery Dinner. ALL PHOTOS THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau jokes on stage.



Tom Mulcair literally dropped the mic. Literally.

POLITICAL COMEDY

Leaders crack wise at dinner

Federal party leaders put down their swords to celebrate those who wield the pens and microphones Saturday night.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, interim Opposition Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair all spoke at a dinner honouring 150 years of the parliamentary press gallery.

None missed an opportunity for digs at themselves, each other and the reporters they gathered to celebrate.

And neither did Trudeau's wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau.

In reference to recent coverage that she needs more staff, she called four members of Trudeau's inner circle to the stage at the Museum of History and had them unveil a yoga mat.

She then balanced herself on her arms, legs up in the air, telling her husband that was how it was done — a dig at a photo of

“I will miss his leadership, his good advice. I will not miss the wedgies.” Justin Trudeau, on Barack Obama

him doing a similar move that's been widely circulated online.

Justin Trudeau also poked fun at another political counterpart — U.S. President Barack Obama.

At the recent White House Correspondents Dinner, Obama had cracked a joke at Trudeau's expense. Trudeau's response: He'll miss him.

"There's been a lot of talk about my bromance with President Barack Obama, how I look up to him, how I have so much to learn from him. And I'm like, Barack, you are absolutely right. Thank you for pointing it out, again."

"I will miss his leadership, his good advice. I will not miss the wedgies."

Another leader whose departure was noted: former prime minister Stephen Harper.

In offering up suggestions for new slogans for the current Conservatives, Ambrose suggested "the bad man is gone."

On his way out — and choosing to hold nothing back — was Mulcair, who declared he was different than the others because he no longer cares.

After a speech laden with hits at pollsters, various media outlets and himself, he drew to a close.

"I have a lot more here but I was just informed in Edmonton that I have to go," he said.

He then dropped a microphone on the stage and declared "Mulcair out." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Curtis Vey, left, and Angela Nicholson were found guilty of plotting to kill their spouses. JENNIFER GRAHAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lovers guilty of plot to kill their spouses

SASKATCHEWAN

Couple undone by undercover officer, secret tape recording

Two lovers accused of plotting to kill their spouses in Saskatchewan have been found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder.

The jury in Prince Albert took close to 30 hours before convicting Curtis Vey and Angela Nicholson on Sunday.

Crown prosecutor Lori O'Connor had argued that the pair planned to kill Vey's wife, Brigitte, in a house fire, and Nicholson's husband, Jim Taylor, by drugging him and then making him disappear.

Court heard earlier in the trial that Brigitte Vey hid an iPod under the kitchen table at their farmhouse and secretly recorded her husband and Nicholson hatching the plan on July 1, 2013.

O'Connor said based on that conversation, both of the accused

met the threshold for conspiracy.

But Vey and Nicholson's lawyers told court their clients weren't serious about killing their spouses and didn't have any intention of doing so.

Court also heard a conversation Nicholson had with an undercover police officer who was in a cell with her after she was arrested July 6, 2013. Nicholson said she researched how to set a grease fire but was too "chicken" to do it.

Nicholson told her cellmate that her marriage to Taylor crumbled because of his alleged alcoholism, addiction to cocaine and a gambling habit that lost the couple \$100,000. She said Taylor was emotionally abusive and prevented her from finishing their divorce proceedings.

Nicholson admitted she and Vey talked about doing something to their spouses but added they would never act on it.

"You say things out of anger, but nothing that you intend to do," Nicholson said. "I can't even kill a frickin' mouse."

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IN BRIEF

Baby, delivered after mom gunned down has died

The baby who was delivered prematurely last month after her mother was fatally shot in Toronto has died.

Police said the infant son of Candice Rochelle Bobb died Sunday night in hospital. Bobb, 35, was five months pregnant when she

was shot in Toronto's north-west end while returning home May 15. Her baby boy was delivered prematurely by emergency C-section.

Police say Bobb was in a vehicle with three other people at the time. Police say the vehicle was the clear target.

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ENVIRONMENT

Feds monitoring Russian rocket debris

The federal government says a Russian rocket, that upset Inuit groups over its potential to pollute Arctic waters with toxic fuel, has launched.

A spokesman for the federal public safety department says the rocket blasted off Saturday morning.

Kevin Miller says the government monitored the launch and re-entry of debris closely.

In an email he said no debris had been observed falling on Canadian territory as of

Sunday morning.

A stage of the Russian satellite-launching rocket was expected to fall into Baffin Bay between Ellesmere Island and Greenland outside Canadian territorial waters, but within seas over which Canada has economic control.

Published reports from experts on the Russian space program suggest it's normal for about 10 per cent of the fuel in the main stage to remain unburned, and an Arctic

contaminant specialist at the University of Manitoba says the hydrazine fuel is highly toxic and is known to persist in water.

Questions that were emailed to Public Safety Canada about where the debris from Saturday's launch fell were not immediately answered.

The area of concern in Baffin Bay is heavily hunted and travelled by Inuit from nearly a dozen communities in Canada and Greenland.

A commission of Inuit in Canada and Greenland was preparing a formal protest to Russia over the launch, and the Canadian government has said it has told Russia it wants more advance information about such launches.

A spokesman for the Russian embassy had said last week that all the fuel should have burned up by the time the rocket stage splashed down.

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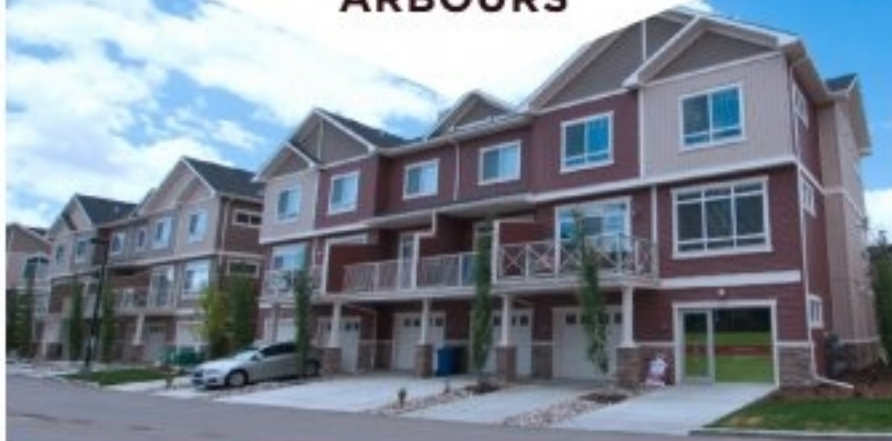
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Abdul Rahman Ismail, an Iraqi soldier who has been targeted by Daesh extremists who destroyed his house two years ago, is reunited with his family after they fled their town, as displaced Iraqi families gather outside Fallujah. KHALID MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daesh stronghold in Iraq secured

MIDDLE EAST

Extremists also losing grasp in Syria

Iraqi forces secured the southern edge of Daesh's stronghold of Fallujah on Sunday, two weeks after the launch of an operation to recapture the city, the Iraqi special forces commander overseeing the operation said.

Iraqi special forces, also known as its counterterrorism forces, have secured the largely agricultural southern neighbourhood of Naymiyah

under cover of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, Lt. Gen. Abdel Wahab al-Saadi said. Special forces are now poised to enter the main city, al-Saadi said.

The Fallujah operation coincides with a twin offensive on Daesh-strongholds in neighbouring Syria. Syrian Kurdish forces are advancing on Manbij, a Daesh-held city controlling the supply route between the Turkish border and the town of Raqqa, the militants' de facto capital. At the same time, Syrian government troops are advancing on Raqqa from the south.

The slow-moving Iraqi operation was announced in May.

An array of troops including Iraqi military divisions, the federal police and the largely Shiite militia groups, known as the Popular Mobilization Forces, had cleared Daesh from the majority of Fallujah's suburbs.

On Monday, Iraq's special forces began pushing into the city centre, but they have faced stiff resistance as Fallujah has been under Daesh control for more than two years.

Tall dirt berms dot the dusty fields to the city's south. A single column of counterterrorism Humvees snaked up toward a row of low lying houses that mark the beginning of the main city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ FATALITY

A top Syrian Kurdish commander died Sunday, several days after sustaining injuries during a U.S.-backed campaign to unseat Daesh from its de facto Syrian capital, Raqqa. Abu Layla, who commanded a brigade inside the predominantly Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces, was hit by Daesh sniper fire near Manbij, a key stronghold that controls the supply route between the Turkish border and Raqqa.

UNITED STATES

Challenges remain in California brush fire



5,000 were evacuated from the fire near Los Angeles. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Authorities cautiously lifted some evacuation orders, but they warned serious challenges remained Sunday as crews in jagged terrain protected homes and worked to stop the progress of a brush fire that torched the populated hills near Los Angeles.

Firefighters took advantage of cooler temperatures and calmer winds as aircraft made water drops along the eastern and southern edges of the blaze, which was held to just over 500 acres, Los Angeles County Deputy Fire Chief John Tripp said.

He said it was "our No. 1 priority to get those two flanks contained," adding the fire was hung up on the mid-slope of steep canyons, making a direct attack difficult.

"The fire is on the side of a mountain, it's not on any road, and we are trying to get firefighters up there," Tripp said.

The fire was 30 per cent contained and residents of the prosperous and semi-rural area of Calabasas were being allowed back into their homes, many of which were without electricity.

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Swiss say no to basic income

ECONOMY

Referendum offered money guarantee

Swiss voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposal that would have guaranteed everyone in the Alpine nation an unconditional basic income, according to projections published Sunday by public broadcaster SRF1.

The plan could have seen people in this wealthy nation of eight million people receive about 2,500 Swiss francs (\$2,560) per month — enough to cover their basic needs.

Proponents argued that a basic income would free people from meaningless toil and allow them to pursue more productive or creative goals in life. Critics said the plan would

explode the budget and encourage idleness, which appears to have convinced voters.

Based on a partial count of results from 19 Swiss cantons (states), the gfs.bern polling group calculated that 78 per cent of voters opposed the measure against 22 per cent in favour.

The Swiss government advised voters to reject the proposal put forward by left-wing campaigners who collected the necessary 100,000 signatures to force a vote on the issue. But the idea has won over some economists, who say it could give everybody the same chances in life.

Salaried workers who earned more than basic income would have received no

78%

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extra money, while children would have received one-quarter of the total for adults.

The Dutch city of Utrecht is planning a two-year experiment with a similar plan, handing money to residents who already receive welfare benefits.

The unconditional basic income proposal was one of five measures up for decision nationwide Sunday. Proposals to reform publicly owned companies and financing of transport routes was rejected, while voters backed plans to simplify the application procedures for asylum-seekers and another that will allow screening of embryos before they are implanted in the womb.

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A girl in her father's arms as they wait inside a Red Cross tent after arriving at the port of Augusta, on the island of Sicily, Italy, on Saturday. DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUMAN RIGHTS

Austria suggests interning migrants on Greek islands

Austria's foreign minister is proposing interning migrants on Greek islands.

In a newspaper interview, Sebastian Kurz says Europe could copy Australia's model of intercepting migrant boats offshore — either sending them back or keeping them in island camps until their asylum claims have

been processed.

Human rights groups have criticized the practice as inhumane and a breach of international law.

Kurz told Austrian newspaper Die Presse in an interview published Sunday that "of course the Australian model can't be copied one-to-one, but

the basic principle can be applied to Europe too."

He said someone who is on an island such as Lesbos and stands little chance of getting asylum is more likely to return home than someone who already has an apartment in Vienna or Berlin.

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DEMOCRACY

Somali journalist shot dead

Unidentified gunmen shot dead a female journalist in Somalia's capital Sunday, a radio producer at state-run Radio Mogadishu said.

Sagal Salad Osman, a producer for the station, was shot outside a university in the west of Mogadishu and later died at a hospital in the city, Mustafa Hussein said.

Attacks on journalists are common in war-ravaged Somalia and media rights groups say both Islamic extremists and the government have reason to target media. Osman is the first journalist killed in Somalia this year.

Last year, three journalists were killed, including Hindia Haji Mohamed, who worked for the state-run broadcaster and was the widow of a murdered journalist. She was killed in December when a bomb blew up her car, an attack claimed by the Islamic extremist group al-Shabab.

Somalia is one of the most dangerous countries for media workers; 59 journalists have been killed since 1992, soon after a civil war began in the Horn of Africa nation, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. The deadliest year was 2012 when 18 were killed.

It's not entirely clear who has been killing journalists. Al-Shabab rebels, warlords, criminals, and even government agents all could have reasons.

Somali journalists frequently receive threats. But police rarely investigate them or adequately protect reporters.

The deadliest country for journalists in 2015 was Syria, where 14 were killed, followed by France with nine, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. Around the world, 72 journalists were killed in 2015 and 10 have been killed so far this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Supporters of pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) flash victory signs and shout slogans against the government in Istanbul during a rally on the lawmakers' immunity. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Turkey to put MPs on trial

CONFLICT

Demonstrators turn out by the thousands to protest move

Thousands of people participated in rallies organized by a pro-Kurdish, opposition party on Sunday to protest against the abolition of immunity of some Turkish members of parliament.

More than 1,000 demonstrators gathered in Istanbul and

around 3,000 others convened in the mainly Kurdish city of Diyarbakir in protests organized by the People's Democratic Party, or HDP. Demonstrations in other cities were banned by authorities.

Last month, Turkey's parliament approved amendments to the constitution that clear the way for the prosecution of nearly 140 legislators, many of them from the People's Democratic Party.

"In the coming days our trial is going to start," HDP co-chair Selahattin Demirtas said in Istanbul. "We aren't

afraid to be on trial, but it is our right to expect to be judged by a real judicial authority. Is there something like that? There is not."

The amendment was proposed by the ruling Justice and Development Party after Turkey's president accused the HDP of being an arm of outlawed Kurdish rebels and demanded their prosecution on terror-related charges.

Demirtas said President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was still seeking revenge for HDP's electoral win in June last year, when the party secured enough

votes to enter parliament.

"This is why he is using the tanks, panzers, and cannons in a merciless way against the crowds," he said in reference to a series of large-scale security operations in southeast Turkey.

Demirtas also attended the demonstration in Diyarbakir later in the day.

The gathering was timed to mark the anniversary of a bombing in the southeastern city that killed two people and injured scores of others during an HDP rally before last year's general election.

The Turkish state has been

locked in renewed conflict with Kurdish fighters since last summer when a 2-1/2-year truce with the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, collapsed.

Kurdish rebels have set up trenches, barricades and explosives to keep the authorities out of areas where they want autonomy.

Turkey and its Western allies consider the PKK, which has waged a decades-long insurgency against the Turkish state in a conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives, a terrorist organization.

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MEMPHIS Officer killed in shooting

A man suspected in a downtown Memphis shooting that left three people injured fled in a stolen vehicle that fatally struck a police officer, police said Sunday.

Justine Welch, 21, faces multiple charges that include first-degree murder, vehicular homicide, attempted first-degree murder, evading arrest and theft of property over \$10,000, police spokeswoman Sgt. Karen Rudolph said in a news release. The release did not disclose Welch's hometown.

Welch was being held at the Shelby County Jail. Jail records didn't indicate whether Welch has an attorney.

Officer Verdell Smith, 46, was pronounced dead from his injuries at 10:43 p.m. Saturday, Memphis Police Department Director Mike Rallings said during a news conference.

Police said two people were taken to the hospital after being shot at about 10 p.m. Saturday by the suspect, who then ran to a retail complex and shot a man.

Memphis police spokeswoman Sgt. Karen Rudolph said Sunday the 21-year-old employee has been released from a hospital, while the other two victims, ages 39 and 57, remained in critical condition.

Rallings said Smith was an 18-year police veteran who is survived by a father, fiancé, son and two daughters.

"He's a man's man and he was an officer's officer. He was definitely a great father," Rallings said. "Like I said, he loved his son—always talked about him, always had him with him. I think his son is taking it really, really hard."

Rallings said the department mourned the loss not just of Smith but of other officers killed in the line of duty, including Officers Sean Bolton in 2015 and Martoiya Lang in 2012. In addition, off-duty Memphis officer Terence Olridge was fatally shot last October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police driver goes on trial for Freddie Gray's death

BALTIMORE Caesar Goodson faces up to 30 years in prison

The stakes are high in the upcoming trial for an officer prosecutors say bears the most responsibility for the death of Freddie Gray, a young black man whose spine was snapped in the back of a police transport wagon.

The van driver, Officer Caesar Goodson, faces second-degree murder and other charges. He will also face buck-passing from

fellow officers who have already testified in two previous trials that if anyone was responsible for ensuring Gray's safety, it was him.

The officer faces 30 years in prison if he's convicted of the murder charge. If prosecutors fail to secure a guilty verdict, it will be the third straight trial in which they haven't gotten a favourable decision: The first trial ended in a hung jury and the second finished with an acquitted last month.

Prosecutors say Goodson was grossly negligent when he failed to buckle Gray into a seat belt and call for medical aid during Gray's 45-minute ride in the back

of Goodson's transport van April 12, 2015. But with no eye witnesses and very little physical evidence, experts say the government could be facing an uphill battle.

"It would be devastating for the state to lose Goodson's trial because there's no question that the ultimate responsibility lies with the van driver," said Warren Alperstein, a Baltimore attorney who has been closely following the case.

Gray died a week after he was injured in the van. His death prompted protests and civil unrest in the streets of Baltimore, and his name became a national rallying cry for people angry over

It would be devastating for the state to lose Goodson's trial.
Warren Alperstein

officers' mistreatment of African Americans.

Gray was arrested in West Baltimore after making eye contact with a bicycle officer and running away. Once he was handcuffed and placed inside the van, witnesses have testified that Gray began to scream and kick so violently he shook the wagon. Two blocks from the arrest site, the wagon stopped again, and three officers took Gray out of the van to put him in leg shackles. They then placed him on the floor of

the van, head-first and on his belly. He was never buckled into a seat belt, as required by department policy.

Goodson, 46, faces second-degree "depraved-heart" murder, manslaughter, assault, misconduct in office and reckless endangerment charges. Prosecutors say that Goodson was so negligent in his failure to buckle Gray into a seat belt that he disregarded the apparent risk to Gray's life and wellbeing.

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RAMADAN MUSLIMS PREPARE FOR FASTING Indonesian Muslim men offer an evening prayer on the eve of the holy fasting month of Ramadan at a mosque in Bali, Indonesia, on Sunday. Muslims around the world will start observing Ramadan, the holiest month in Islamic calendar this week. FIRDIA LISNAWATI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEATHER Storms to bring rain, floods, possible tornadoes to East



Cattle are herded through floodwaters toward higher ground Saturday near Chenango, Tex. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Much of Florida's western coast was under a tropical storm warning Sunday, with the threat of heavy rains and high wind moving quickly northeast from the Gulf of Mexico.

It is the latest in a series of severe weather events across the country, from record-breaking heat in the West, flooding in Texas and storms that are expected to cause problems in the nation's capital and mid-Atlantic.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said a tropical depression in the southern gulf was "expected to become a tropical storm" later Sunday or early Mon-

day. The depression was moving at a speed of about 13 km/h and was expected to pick up the pace later Sunday.

Tropical depressions have wind speeds of less than 62 km/h, while tropical storms carry wind speeds of between 63 km/h and 117 km/h.

What was expected to become Tropical Storm Colin was likely to bring dangerous rainfall levels, and residents were warned about possible flooding and hazardous driving conditions. Rain began falling in the Tampa Bay area just past noon Sunday.

The National Weather Service

in Mobile issued a flood warning for the Shoal River near Crestview and warned of possible widespread flooding in streams, creeks, and canals. Wind gusts threatened to bring down trees and branches and cause outages.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott was flying from his home in Naples to Tallahassee to meet with emergency management officials. He postponed a political meeting with presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump scheduled Monday in New York so he can remain in the state capital to monitor the weather.

Sand bags were being distributed to residents in St. Petersburg, Tampa and nearby cities.

"We're surrounded on three sides by water," said Pinellas County spokesman Nick Zoller, who said the county distributed 3,300 sand bags on Saturday, a number he expected to go up now that a tropical storm warning is in effect.

Just to the north, Pasco County Emergency Services Director Kevin Guthrie said the message is to be prepared.

"We are going to flood in parts of Pasco County," Guthrie said in an email. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Robot sex, love and ethics

SCIENCE

Advancement in technology raising moral questions

She's the perfect woman: 34-24-34, compliant and agreeable, an enjoyable conversationalist and lacking any traits that could be considered a flaw — including rejection.

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Robots designed to satisfy

sexual desires are close to transcending fantasy to become reality thanks to rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, computing that allows machines to mimic human affects and high-tech sensors and materials.

The technology has so far yet to cross the "uncanny valley" — the wide gulf from creepy to sexy sparked by almost-but-not-quite real humanoid robots.

They're essentially rubber bodies with motors and some software; more like the love doll Bianca from Lars and The Real Girl than emotionally in-

telligent gynoid Ava from Ex Machina.

But sex robots are already raising ethical, legal and moral questions of consent, sexism, human biases and what our desire for them says about human psychology.

The debate over them highlights one of the more controversial aspects of the increasingly social nature of our interactions with robots as they move from factories into our homes and someday, our bedrooms.

"How we treat robots — it's a mirror of our own psychology

in a way," said Kate Darling, an expert in robot ethics at MIT's Media Lab.

Darling is fascinated by our strange desire to anthropomorphize, or attribute human agency to machines, and engage with them in a social way. She studies human empathy for robots through the lens of violence toward them.

"The interesting thing is not the robots, it's how robots reveal things about our own behaviour and psychology that we're only just learning — including the question of whether sex robots are going to be

a healthy thing or unhealthy thing for people."

Sex robot company True Companion says thousands of people have paid upwards of \$7,000 for pre-orders of Roxxy, "the world's first sex robot," programmed to learn an owner's preferences. However, it remains unclear whether any have actually been produced.

Elsewhere in the race to be first to market, Real Doll is developing Realbotix, a high-end silicone doll with artificial intelligence. It plans to release prototypes this year with sales slated for 2017. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Inside the Realbotix factory, where some of the first sex robots are being developed.

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ECONOMY

Rebound hard to forecast: Poloz

Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz says it's hard to predict when the Canadian economy will rebound from the huge Alberta wildfire that destroyed communities and forced the shut down of crucial oil operations.

For Poloz, part of that calculation depends how quickly shuttered oilsands facilities go back online.

The other major factor, which is tougher to get a handle on, is when evacuees return to work and the rebuilding efforts are well underway, he said.

"And all those kinds of things (are) very, very much up in the air," Poloz told reporters Saturday at the University of Ottawa when asked about the timing of an economic bounce back. "It's a very difficult situation for people, so we're watching that with a lot of interest. And I don't want to translate that into a mechanical thing."

Experts like Poloz expect the disaster to have Canada-wide economic consequences.

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ENERGY

Asset sales point to uneven growth

A two-tier marketplace is developing for Canadian oil and gas properties, with bidders starting to line up to buy crude-producing properties — although companies marketing natural gas wells are finding few takers.

Volatility in oil and gas prices over the past year have scared many buyers out of the market while making valuations difficult for buyers and sellers to agree upon, observers say.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate oil rose above \$50 US per barrel recently, the highest in six months, but spot natural gas prices in Alberta are at about \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet, down nearly \$1 from a year ago.

Players in the energy mergers-and-acquisition market have been closely watching Calgary-based Husky Energy's efforts this year to sell non-core oil and gas assets in Alberta and Saskatchewan, analyst Michael Dunn of FirstEnergy Capital said Friday. The company wants to bolster its balance sheet for what it fears will be a long period of low oil and gas prices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VANCOUVER

Drawn to making a difference in the workplace

As Michelle Reid watches Vancouver house prices soar while preparing for the arrival of her first baby, she sometimes kicks herself for not buying property 10 years ago.

But Reid says she can tough it out financially because she has a job where she's making a difference, which some Vancouver businesses are using to entice workers to the city with

a high cost of living.

"There are a couple of things we're going to have to give up, but I don't feel unhappy for it," said Reid.

Reid, 40, works for Mills Office Productivity and oversees the company's environmental and social initiatives.

She said she never suspected office supplies would be the path to her passion, adding

with a laugh, it's "not the sexiest industry."

Companies will be recruiting at a Vancouver career fair on Thursday called Startup City: Impact. Businesses at the fair want candidates who might otherwise be considering positions in less costly cities, said Keith Ippel, CEO of Spring Activator, which is co-ordinating the fair among a week of busi-



If I had to work in a job that was soulless, that would be a far worse outcome.

Michelle Reid

ness-support events.

Vancouver as an affordable brand has spread across Canada, said Sean Elbe, with the Vancouver Economic Commission. He was at the University of Waterloo in Ontario last week promoting ways for employers to counter recruiting challenges.

"Companies are moving away from simply having a

ping pong table and beer Fridays, and really thinking about how they can help their employees make a real impact, not just in their company but in the world," Elbe said.

One company is offering new hires the deposit on a Tesla electric car, he said, while another allows unlimited vacation time.

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THE RULES: WEDDINGS

As the summer-wedding wave prepares to crest, it's time to write down the most important of the many unwritten rules meant to ensure that this sexist, outdated, tacky tradition goes off as well as can be hoped for.

As June unfolds, and another batch of blushing brides and grooms pursue their hopelessly romantic, and also hopeless, dream of a perfect wedding, herewith are a few guest-etiquette basics. As always, the point is to be considerate, and this goes double for people who are getting married. For the attendees, keep in mind this is the one time normal, well-adjusted people are allowed to play out their dumbest, most outdated, sexist, tasteless, delusional fantasies. So take a deep breath, shut down your judgmental cortex — and let them go nuts.

Travel and accommodation. If the ceremony is taking place in the couple's hometown, it's up to you to get yourself there whether you live next door or on another continent. If it's a "destination wedding" set in an exotic location far from anyone's home, and if the couple (or their parents) are filthy rich, you might reasonably expect to be put up at the destination's resort, or ashram or mountain aerie. Alas, it's more common these days for guests to pay their own way, so if you can't afford it, do not feel obliged to go. Whether you want to honestly state your reasons or concoct a tactful (i.e., believable) excuse is up to you. And, though you may resent their de facto exclusion of less wealthy guests such as yourself, proper etiquette dictates you must still send a gift.

What to wear. If the bride is wearing virginal white, and you want to appear even more virginal, by all means show up in a long white gown. But

As every moviegoer knows, people are constantly having sex at weddings.

it's more considerate to let her have her day, however false the advertising might be. If you wear a fancy dress, and you want to be extra considerate, find out what colour the bridesmaids are wearing so you can avoid that hue, too. If you're at all confused about the dress code, or your hosts are from a vastly different culture than your own, simply ask ahead of time what kind of attire is appropriate. Otherwise, a simple dress, summer suit or crisp shirt should be fine.

Speeches. If you're giving a speech, try not to be too drunk. And please do not tell "amusing" stories about the bride or groom's sexual history. Or anyone else's for that matter. If you're being subjected to endless speeches, drink up and shut up. Heck-

ling is strictly verboten at weddings, no matter how boring or offensive the speechifiers may be.

Sit where you're told. Studies (mine) show that 47 per cent of wedding guests are dissatisfied with where they're sitting. In 99 per cent of cases, however, the seating plan is created without any conscious agenda to insult you personally. Unless you're eating off a crate in the kitchen with the household pets, suck it up.

Gifts. The basic rule is that you have up to a year to produce a gift — which is handy if you're certain the couple won't last that long. As for money versus actually bought-and-wrapped presents, see the advice at the top: It's their rodeo, their rules — just go with it.

Food. A vegetarian option is

pretty much de rigueur these days. But if you're vegan with gluten allergies or any other moral or gut-related sensitivities, you might want to discreetly smuggle in your own seaweed rollups or whatever you eat to stay alive.

Illicit sex. As every moviegoer knows, people are constantly having sex at weddings, usually with the wrong people, which can lead to mixing with murderers (The Godfather) or yet more marriage (Wedding Crashers). Note that this behaviour is not mandatory — unless you're a bridesmaid (kidding!). Just a little outdated, sexist, tasteless humour to get you in the mood for your next nuptial event.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Staying in touch after your friends move to Planet Baby

More than ever before, friends are people in far-away places.

Not exclusively, maybe not even perpetually (the older I get, the more stories I hear of people moving "home," as if to underline that building a life on your own can eventually strain).

Some of my beloved friends remain overseas, or over the Rockies. And yet I've never felt so distant as when they become pregnant.

Single or married women of my ilk carry on much the same, no matter where we live. We work, we date, we run marathons or join road-bike racing teams, we move for a new job or get married. We inch forward in our careers or start new ones, go on holidays — even buy a home.

That — affording a house — is treated like a miracle, but of course it has nothing on creating a life. And as a never-pregnant, never-nursing, never-rearing woman, I simply can't relate.

One pregnant friend living in Geneva, weeks from her due date, props her body sideways on Skype to show me her belly — stretched and round, the only visual cue I've had to all that is about to change her life, and has already changed her body.

Another friend in B.C. is unexpectedly pregnant — carrying a child who'll be among the first cohort

of failed-app babies, born of the dubious claim that there's an app even for birth control. Already, she's undergone a kaleidoscope of emotions for which I have no reference, along with physical changes: the nausea, fatigue, tenderness. Both friends will give birth and become mothers, and I will be cheering them on without any sense of the right words to say.

The worst part isn't wanting to relate, though, it's wanting to be useful. To babysit so your friend can grab a shower or something similarly self-indulgent. To swing by for a chat so they don't feel isolated. To experience a bit of their life, so they don't have to explain everything.

I have a niece and nephew in another city, so I already know the pain of missing out on a childhood. But my brother is older, and I almost expect him to chart territory I haven't yet, to be in a way unrelatable because he's up ahead.

Friendships, on the other hand, are in part built on sharing key life moments. It's never a perfect, parallel trajectory, but it's often close enough. Not so, anymore. Not now.

There's no solution to all this. The pain of distance can't always be ameliorated. You can't always be the friend you want to be. That's just the reality of babies in faraway places.

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Getting girls excited about tech

EDUCATION

Randi Zuckerberg hopes to pique interest with kids' show Dot

Megan Haynes
For Metro Canada



It's no secret that there aren't a lot of women participating in the science, tech, engineering and math (STEM) trades. But a new series on CBC set to air this fall hopes to encourage more girls to take an interest.

Based on the book by Randi Zuckerberg, *Dot* follows the adventures of the eponymous character, a little girl obsessed with technology.

Zuckerberg comes by her love of tech honestly: she was an early employee at Facebook (yes, she's Mark's sister), before founding her own marketing and media firm (she also did a quick detour to Broadway). We caught up with her to chat about what's keeping women out of STEM, and how a kids' show can help change that.

There seems to be a lot of vitriol targeted against women online, especially those who are vocal or active in the STEM space — what do you believe drives that negativity?

I think anytime you have only a few people in a space, they have giant bullseyes on

them. So one thing we can do is up the numbers of women who are in tech to diffuse the focus away from the small number of women that are very prominent.

Do you think digital bullying has stymied female participation in the STEM field?

Digital bullying has had a huge impact, which is why I've spoken out against anonymity online. Now, of course there are always situations where people have to be anonymous online. But I think generally people who hide behind anonymity say cruel and terrible things that they would never say if they looked someone in the eye or if they had their real name or image attached to it.

We need to start encouraging more sites to (use) real-name identity. All the studies show people behave better when they're accountable for what they say.

The Prime Minister's wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau said she needed more help as a mother and a public figure — and there was a lot of anger directed at her. When it comes to the tech space, do women get punished when they ask for help?

Well bravo to her! Nobody does anything in this world without a lot of help. Not CEOs or parents. There is a double edge sword: there's a lot of pressure on women to be the perfect mom, and great at business. But we

need more women out there who are saying "I want to do it all, and I need help to do it all."

Taking you back to *Dot*, how will a children's show help change the conversation?

A lot of studies I've read show that by age seven or eight we start to lose girls in STEM fields. At that point, they've learned society says girls don't go into those fields. That boys have years of experience building things.

Media and pop culture play a very powerful role in changing the conversation. It starts with getting young girls excited and interested in tech and not losing them to another direction. In the series, there's a lot of powerful women. *Dot* is this funky, energetic, crazy entrepreneurial spirit. Her mom is an entrepreneur who is teaching *Dot* to use a 3D printer. Her mom is really techy, and you see her involved with *Dot*, but also with her own business.

Going off the screen, one of the things that drew me to this project is how many women are involved in the making of this series: On the Jim Henson team, the whole project is led by women. At (Toronto-based animation studio) Industrial Brothers, I was blown away by how many directors of animation are women. I think we're walking the walk both on screen and off screen.



Randi Zuckerberg wants to change the conversation when it comes to girls and technology.

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It may be easy for one person to handle the budget, but...

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada



If you're the only person in your house responsible for maintaining the family budget and managing the money, you're not doing yourself or your partner any favours.

Yes, being in control feels good. Yes, knowing that things will get done when they are supposed to makes it easier to sleep at night.

But...

What if you got sick and couldn't manage the money anymore? What if you died?

Would that be the best time for your mate to be learning everything you did and how it has to be done? Doesn't it make more sense for your pal to get involved in the family finances while you're able to guide and encourage?

While you may think your fil-

ing system is intuitive because you've gone to great pains to organize it and put things in a logical order, the first time your partner looks at it they'll be lost.

Create a list of what's what and where it is so that there is a road map your honey can follow. There's a good chance that you're counting on your awesome memory for a lot of what you do. Putting it on paper will help you to identify where there may be steps you may have overlooked describing.

If you get your bills electronically, does your sweetheart have access to your email? If you go into hospital to have your herniated disc repaired, will she be able to pay the phone bill on time? Does he know where all the bank accounts are? How about the investments? Does she have a list of all the bills that are paid, automatically or manually, so she knows how much money is going out?

Just knowing where everything is won't help a bit if your partner doesn't have access, so make sure he knows what the passwords on accounts are.

If you've been paying all the bills through your personal account, this is a good time to set up a joint account to which you

both have access for household bill payments so you can share a password. Then you can (and you should) keep your personal information private.

While you're going over your system, take some time to explain why you do the things you do. Just saying, "do it this way" doesn't give buddy any insight into why your system works and he may be tempted to mess with it. So explain yourself.

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Prince estate administrator proposes timeline for claims

The special administrator handling Prince's estate is proposing an aggressive timeline for testing claims of heirship to the music superstar's fortune. The order filed late last week in Carver County District Court would require existing claimants to file a sworn affidavit by June 10. A three-page questionnaire asks for details on parentage, birth certifi-

cate, parents' marriage certificate, and more. The special administrator would let claimants know within three days whether their claim is confirmed or ruled out or genetic testing is necessary.

A Colorado prison inmate has filed papers claiming Prince is his father. Claims have also been filed by a woman and girl claiming to be prince's niece and grandniece. The next probate hearing is June 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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BRETT GRAFF

FOREWORD BY DR. GWEN WURM

PARENTING

Throwing your cash around will not have effect you want

From educational toys to bigger houses, sports to private school, parents are spending money on all the wrong things, says economist and journalist Brett Graff.

Graff, who goes by the moniker "The Home Economist," makes this case in her new book *Not Buying It: Stop Overspending and Start Raising Happier, Healthier, More Successful Kids*, which points out that less is more in almost every area that parents are bleeding cash.

Her findings? We're going broke buying stuff that has the opposite effect that we intend.

What inspired you to write the book?

We're spending out of fear and competition. We're terrified that if we say no to a particular expense, that we're saying no to education and no to safety. Economists assume that we're rational shoppers, but that is

not the case, particularly if we happen to be parents. We are spending money to make our kids dumber, to make our kids less safe, to make them less healthy and to make them more vulnerable to narcissism, depression and failure.

How so?

For example, there are no (U.S.) federal guidelines for stamping the word "education" on a toy box. Expensive toys promote instant gratification and anything with a screen for babies under two promotes language delays and sleep disturbances. What the American Academy of Pediatrics says is kids who are left alone as early as four months old become problem solvers and creative thinkers. Re-

searchers found that kids who play with blocks later scored better on tests for counting, measurement and judgment, and they scored better on math operations. Blocks cost \$13. The latest iPad with every educational app and access to Mandarin lessons costs \$900.

Everywhere you turn there's a neighbour putting a kid in another enriching activity that you hadn't even thought of. How does competition between the parents factor in here?

While we're spending this money to make our kids dumber, we feel very superior while we're doing it. "No, no, I don't have time today to go to the park — we have to go to Kumon class." Doctors have

stood up in front of Congress and testified about our children's right to play. Play improves cognitive development, it fosters creativity, it helps with children's social skills, which improve the brain's executive function.

We seem to have bought into this idea that the world is a more competitive place and that we need to do these things to give them a leg up in life. What's your take on that?

One of the things that you have to consider when you're deciding what to purchase for your child is the reason that you're doing it. If you're buying your child something purely for the purpose of getting her into college, then you're making a mistake. If you're cultivating a talent because your child loves it, then that's lovely. A lot of people will say they want their kids to continue their sports or their dance because it teaches discipline and self-control, and I agree with that, but the truth is we can also teach our kids discipline and self-control free, at home, over breakfast.

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“The one thing that's guaranteed to improve the life of a child is a college education and that's where we should be putting our money.”

Author and economist Brett Graff

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WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Michael Yuffa, licensed plumber and owner of WaterWorks in Toronto, Ont.

My advice to younger folks who may feel stuck or don't know what to do with their careers? Take the plunge and try out a profession in mechanical techniques. As a teenager, I enjoyed tinkering with and repairing mechanical devices, so it seemed like a natural step for me to pursue an apprenticeship in plumbing. After obtaining my master plumber licence, I began individually servicing water systems, fixtures, boilers and faucets for both residential and commercial clients.

Personally, I've noticed an abundance of opportunities for those just starting out in this trade. Having advanced to the owner of my own business, I've had the opportunity to train and mentor several young tradespeople along the way. I teach and enforce excellence in client service, which is arguably the most important aspect of the job.

I love the feeling of satisfaction after repairing or improving something for a client. I have a passion for fixing things, and my goal is to make household devices safer and easier to use. A career in plumbing was an easy, smart choice for me. After all, faucets will always be leaking...



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HOW TO START

Many colleges offer formal plumbing or apprenticeship programs that provide hands-on training. Programs generally last up to two years and prepare students for an apprenticeship, which typically requires 9,000 hours of paid labour before writing the formal qualification trade exam. All provinces have websites connecting existing and prospective plumbers with relevant jobs.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

Common avenues for licensed professionals include residential, commercial and industrial plumbing. This trade's bright outlook is supported by both an inflow of commercial construction projects and widespread pressure to replace dated fixtures with new, water-efficient plumbing systems. Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ontario and B.C. anticipate a significant increase in job opportunities over the next 3-5 years.

NEXT CAREER STEP

Some licensed plumbers go on to manage their own contracting business, while others may qualify for work as a mechanical engineer, estimator or maintenance manager. Technicians will benefit from advanced training in computer design, layout and project management applications to meet the industry's growing demand for technical skills.



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When the retail biz is a family affair

INTERVIEW

Sarah Segal talks David's Tea and her latest sweet venture

Some say you should never go into business with your family.

But for Herschel Segal, who started the Le Chateau clothing chain and David's Tea, and his daughter Sarah Segal, who founded Squish Candy, a gourmet gummies company, family and business are a good combination.

At a conference last week organized by Futurpreneur Canada, a non-profit organization that helps young people start their own businesses, father and daughter shared experiences and offered advice.

Sarah openly admits she never wanted to go into the family business. "I felt that I would never be taken seriously... that I was getting what I was getting because I was in my family's business."

She studied sciences, went to work at a United Nations research centre in Beijing fo-

cused on water pollution, and was looking toward a life in academia, when her love of Pu'er tea pulled her back to Canada in 2010.

"It wasn't planned," Sarah says of her decision to join her dad in David's Tea, which Herschel co-founded with his cousin David. "I got in for the right reasons ... I got into the tea business because I love tea."

Even though she stepped away from David's Tea to launch Squish Candy in 2014, she remains on the board.

"It's taking your hands off the steering wheel," she said, noting a new management team is in place at David's Tea. "It's a chance to watch a company from a distance at a board level."

"It's very frustrating as entrepreneurs, as people who know the business, to see someone else do it. It's like seeing someone else raise your kids."

Herschel concedes it's challenging to join a family business — and Sarah is the only one of his children to enter the retail world.

"A family business — you're damned if you, you're damned if you don't," he said. "If you make a success, 'Well, you're



Sarah Segal, daughter of David's Tea co-founder Herschel Segal, launched Squish Candy in 2014. She admits that at first she never wanted to go into the family business. "I felt that I would never be taken seriously," she says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

the boss's kid.' If you fail, then how could you be so stupid with all that?"

"You can't win," he said.

Squish has six locations in Canada — downtown Vancou-

ver, Toronto and three stores in Quebec. Sarah says the company is looking to expand including possibly in suburban Toronto and Vancouver.

Given that businesses have

been gravitating to the top-tier upscale malls, it is creating chances for new retailers in smaller malls.

"It's giving people opportunities to get in on short-term

deals," she said.

"I know that's something as a young business, I'm extremely interested in," she said, noting landlords are ready to make deals, such a six-month pop lease instead of a 10-year agreement.

"A mall spot might have been unattainable just a little while ago," she added.

Sarah is focused on her artisanal candy venture, which has received financial backing from her father, though he remains completely hands off.

"I only offer advice if asked," said Herschel, who has invested in the candy business along with other ventures.

"It's been tremendous to be able to work with her. I let her do her thing."

And Sarah believes her father's secret to success is his willingness to listen others, regardless of age or experience.

"He takes everyone seriously. He's very open to creative ideas. He doesn't care who is saying it," she said.

"He cares about the quality of the idea. So I never felt like he listened to me because I am his daughter. He listens to everyone equally." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Calgary sisters Tegan and Sara Quin have just released their eighth album — this time fully embracing the synth-pop sound and foregoing guitars entirely. WARNER MUSIC

Bubblegum pop with brains, too

MUSIC

Tegan and Sara dive deeper in album *Love You to Death*

Ben Rayner
Torstar News Service

Tegan and Sara have become bona fide pop stars. And you know what? They're fine with it.

Since giving themselves an exquisite pure-pop makeover on 2013's *Heartthrob*, the 35-year-old Quin twins have performed on the 2015 Oscar broadcast singing their irrepressibly goofy *Lego Movie* theme "EVERYTHING IS AWESOME!!!" surrounded by a cast of colourfully costumed dancers; toured with Katy Perry; and sung their smash hit "Closer" onstage in Los Angeles with superfan Taylor Swift — all feats that the angsty teen folkie Tegan and Sara would never have allowed themselves to dream of back when they first started making the rounds towards the end of the '90s.

Now, they're almost certainly bound for the charts again with the release of their eighth album, *Love You to Death*, a superior and even

tinglier synth-pop followup to *Heartthrob*. And, where once they might have turned their noses up at such confectionary, these days they're comfortable with it.

"Sara and I have decided we don't want to be curmudgeons, even though we still are a little bit," says Tegan, sipping tea while her sister nips at a glass of whiskey during a trip to Toronto last month to play Canadian Music Week.

"We had been pushed for a long time by the people around us and it was always us saying: 'No, no, we can't, we can't,'" offers Sara. "And people around us were, like: 'No, you can. You'll be fine. You can do what you want. Everyone respects you. Write great songs and do what makes you happy.'"

Tegan and Sara are so comfortable in their shiny new skin they didn't even bother putting guitars on *Love You to Death* — recorded with input once again from Adele/Sia producer Greg Kurstin — because they're just not interested in being the old Tegan and Sara anymore.

No one seems to mind either way. *Heartthrob* was the Calgary natives' biggest album by a country mile, as big a critical hit as it was a commercial success. And during Tegan and Sara's iHeartRadio Canada showcase for CMW

none of their Toronto fans seemed to mind that the set list now contains synth-driven remakes of earlier guitar-pop favourites and — that's right — no guitars.

"We still write the songs on piano and guitar the way we always have. I think people are less hung up on the guitar thing than we think, probably," says Tegan.

The Quins' leap into the world of electro-pop wasn't totally without precedent, either. As Tegan notes, up until "Closer" the pair's biggest-selling single was "Body Work," their 2012 collaboration with dance producer Morgan Page, and they'd also lent vocals to tracks by David Guetta and Tiesto. Also, *Heartthrob* wouldn't have seen the light of day if it sucked.

The only blowback the girls have received for dabbling in intelligent bubblegum on their last two records, they say, has come from journalists who can't understand why they wanted to broaden their reach beyond an indie niche.

"While we were doing press for the last album, we got asked a couple of times 'Why can't you be happy with what you have?'" says Tegan. "I just thought: 'How rude. I don't want you to be less successful. Why are you telling me to be less successful?'"



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Every reality show needs its bad guy

THE SHOW: *The Bachelorette*, Season 12, Episode 2 (City)
THE MOMENT: The villain

The guys are ticked because veiny Chad (who performs pull-ups with a suitcase stuffed with protein powder jugs dangling from his weight belt) snuck outside and stole a private moment with bachelorette Jojo. They surround him at the buffet.

You don't want the meat on the stick?" he taunts them. "It's delicious."

As the others politely confront him, Chad throws slices of meat into his mouth, as if he's training a hyena, and he's the hyena. Indeed, he eats so aggressively ("I didn't have my protein shake today") that the others can't stop discussing it. "He chews with his mouth open," one says.

"He's eaten enough to feed a kindergarten class," says another.

Chad talks to camera: "Everywhere I go, I hear my name." Reality shows are micro-societies.



Alpha-male, meathead Chad, second from right, is the bachelorette contestant everyone loves to hate. CONTRIBUTED

Episodes are constructed to teach us the rules of social behavior. This one could be called *Building the Villain*. Chad is Bad because he breaks a key societal rule: innate male hierarchy.

As playgrounds prove, boys establish hierarchy quickly. Once they do, anyone can play, as long as they stick to their position. They're a team, even though they're competing. Chad doesn't play. He's a lone hyena. The others don't want

him to be Alpha Male. But he grabs the role and flaunts his defiance — Those pull-ups! That meat-eating! You can practically hear the show's producers high-fiving one another. The time bomb is set. Now we count down to the explosion.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



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Former heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar will return to mixed martial arts with a bout at UFC 200 in Las Vegas next month

Dubs all over Cavs

NBA FINALS

Golden State goes ahead 2-0 as series shifts to Cleveland

The repeat championship Golden State has spoken of since the very start more than eight months ago is suddenly two wins from becoming reality.

That's the only way the Warriors' record-setting season will feel right. They certainly look unstoppable.

Draymond Green flexed his bulging biceps with big plays on both ends of the floor all night for 28 points, seven rebounds and five assists, while MVP Stephen Curry scored 18 points despite foul trouble, and Golden State thoroughly overwhelmed the Cleveland Cavaliers 110-77 in Game 2 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night.

Once the Splash Brothers found their shooting touch, Cleveland couldn't keep up. Klay Thompson got hot after halftime to finish with 17 points and five assists as Golden State became the first team

to go ahead 2-0 in the Finals since the Lakers in 2009 against Orlando.

Now, the series shifts to Cleveland, and LeBron James and the Cavs must show up for Game 3 on Wednesday in front of their title-starved fans down 2-0 to the defending champs and with forward Kevin Love dealing with a head injury.

The NBA said Love experienced dizziness early in the second half and left for the locker-room to be re-examined, then was placed in the NBA's concussion protocol. The

league said he didn't exhibit any symptoms before then, even after taking an elbow to the back of the head from Harrison Barnes in the second quarter and going down for several minutes before returning following a timeout. He made a baseline three-pointer for the Cavs' first basket in nearly 5-1/2 minutes.

The Warriors' 87 victories combined from their record 73-win regular season and the playoffs matched the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls, the group Golden State topped for the most regular season victories in NBA history of 73. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAME 2 In Oakland



Warriors forward Draymond Green defends Cavaliers forward LeBron James during Game 2 of the NBA Finals in Oakland, Sunday. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOXING

Louisville unites in prayer, homage

Muhammad Ali's younger brother wept, swayed to hymns and hugged anyone he could reach. He raised his hands to the sky, eyes closed, surrounded by congregants at the church where their father once worshipped.

Rahaman Ali took centre stage at the two-hour, high-energy service at King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church, sitting in a front-row pew with his wife, Caroline. The church is not far from the little pink house in Louisville's west end where the Ali brothers grew up.



Muhammad Ali GETTY IMAGES

It was one of several emotional remembrances Sunday as the city joined together to mourn its most celebrated son, the Louisville Lip. Later this week, politicians, celebrities and fans from around the globe are expected for a Friday memorial service that Ali planned himself with the intent of making it open to all.

At his father's church, the congregation stood in tribute, prayed for the former three-time heavyweight champion and his family and even dug into their pockets, filling a collection plate for Rahaman and his wife as a show of support.

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MLB IN BRIEF

Estrada flirts with no-no as Blue Jays defeat Red Sox

Marco Estrada took a no-hitter into the eighth inning for the third time in a year before it was broken up by Chris Young's home run with one out, and the Toronto Blue Jays held off the Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Sunday.

Jose Bautista opened the game with a home run. Edwin Encarnacion added a two-run shot, and Darwin Barney and Russell Martin each had a solo homer for Toronto (31-27).

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Arrieta's streak ends at 20 against Diamondbacks

Jake Arrieta's winning streak ended at 20 games when Patrick Corbin and the struggling Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2 on Sunday.

The reigning NL Cy Young Award winner had gone 24 regular-season starts without a loss since Cole Hamels pitched a no-hitter for Philadelphia on July 25. Arrieta did lose to the New York Mets in the NLCS last season and was 2-1 in the playoffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Sid contained as Sharks bite back



Penguins' captain Sidney Crosby. GETTY IMAGES

Sidney Crosby, for one night at least, was kept quiet.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain and Conn Smythe Trophy candidate was held off the scoreboard in a Game 3 loss to the San Jose Sharks on Saturday night. His line was mostly neutralized by the Sharks' top shutdown defensive pair of Marc-Edouard Vlasic and Justin Braun.

"I thought they were outstanding (Saturday) night," San Jose coach Pete DeBoer said of the duo's efforts against Crosby and Pittsburgh's top line.

Dominant in Games 1 and

"I thought they were outstanding."

San Jose Sharks' coach Pete DeBoer on Braun and Vlasic

2, Crosby and linemates Conor Sheary and Patric Hornqvist generated few quality scoring chances in Game 3 and were held to a combined six shots, their lowest cumulative total of the series.

The unit was held without a shot for the first 34 minutes of

the game, with Hornqvist getting the first one on net with six minutes to go in the second period.

It was home-ice advantage and the subsequent benefit of last line change which allowed the Sharks to zero in on their preferred matchup with Crosby. Vlasic and Braun were on the ice against Crosby for more than 13 minutes at even-strength in Game 3, according to War-On-Ice, a hockey analytics website. That was almost double the ice-time the pair saw against the Penguins captain in Games 1 and 2, both in Pittsburgh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Djokovic captures elusive title



Novak Djokovic kisses the trophy following his victory against Andy Murray in the French Open men's singles final at Roland Garros on Sunday. DENNIS GROMBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

TENNIS

Beating Murray means Serb now holds all Grand Slam titles

A French Open champion at long last, and the first man in nearly a half-century to win four consecutive major championships, Novak Djokovic grabbed a racket and etched a heart in the very red clay that had given him such heartache in the past.

Then, when he finally was handed the La Coupe des Mousquetaires — the one trophy he truly yearned for, the one he

needed to complete a career Grand Slam — Djokovic held it overhead, his eyes shut, before kissing it, exhaling and smiling broadly. I

n his 12th appearance at Roland Garros, and fourth final, the top-seeded Djokovic earned that elusive title with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 victory over No. 2 Andy Murray on Sunday.

"It's really a very special moment," Djokovic said. "Perhaps the greatest moment of my career." Since losing the 2015 final in Paris, Djokovic has won 28 Grand Slam matches in a row, from Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year, to the Australian Open in January, and now, after quite a wait, the French Open.

The last man to hold all four major titles simultaneously was Rod Laver in 1969, when he earned a calendar-year Grand Slam. Djokovic now can set his sights on that ultimate tennis achievement; he's the first man since Jim Courier in 1992 to get halfway. Djokovic, a 29-year-old from Serbia, owns six titles from the Australian Open, three from Wimbledon and two from the U.S. Open for a Grand Slam total of 12. Among men, only Roger Federer (with 17), Rafael Nadal (14) and Pete Sampras (14) have more.

Meanwhile, Garbine Muguruza won her first Grand Slam title by beating defending champion Serena Williams 7-5, 6-4 in

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Canadian tennis phenom Felix Auger-Aliassime was just one point away from his first Grand Slam on Sunday in the French Open boys singles final.

The 15-year-old from Montreal was unable to accomplish the feat, falling 1-6, 6-3, 8-6 to unseeded Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the women's final on Saturday, denying the American her record-equaling 22nd major trophy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UFC

Bisping takes title with first-round KO

The beer in Michael Bisping's hand was neither his first nor his last of the night. He savoured every sip between his soliloquies deep inside the Forum, the UFC middleweight title belt gleaming in front of him.

After 26 fights in a decade with the UFC, Bisping had just beaten Luke Rockhold in the first round. At 37 years old, the motor-mouthed English bad boy was a UFC champion.

Many men would be speechless. Not many men are Bisping. "Ten years and I never got a title fight, and then I just knocked this bum out in the first round," Bisping said while Rockhold glowered a few feet away at the post-fight news conference.

"I'm just going to relish this moment. I'm going to ride the crest of this wave. I'm going to have a few drinks. After that, once I get rid of the throbbing in my head, I'll take a look at the landscape and see who wants knocking out next."

No, Bisping's arrogance and boorishness didn't vanish when the belt went around his waist, as evidenced by the homophobic slur he apparently muttered —



Michael Bisping swings at Luke Rockhold GETTY IMAGES

and then immediately regretted — after Rockhold refused to shake his hand. But at the biggest moment in his career, Bisping also was reflective on the path that led to a title.

"I worked my life toward this. I've made a lot of sacrifices. I quit work when I had a wife and two kids and we had no money. We were broke, but she supported me. I moved away to another city. I remember sleeping in my car and trying to open the door with this much snow on top of it, trying to break my way out of the car just to go train in the morning. People don't know the road I've been on."

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IN BRIEF

Canada's men's volleyball team ends Olympic wait

Canada beat China 3-2 on Sunday to secure the final Olympic berth at a men's volleyball qualification tournament.

Canada finished fourth with a 4-3 record and clinched its first Olympic berth in 24 years when world champions Poland defeated Australia 3-0.

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De Grasse's Diamond win

Canada's Andre De Grasse won the men's 200-metres on Sunday at the Diamond League event in sunny Birmingham, England.

The 21-year-old from Markham, Ont., finished in 20.16 seconds — his best time of the season — edging Alonso Edward from Panama (20.17) and Sean McLean of the U.S. (20.24). THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup instant polenta
- 4 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 cup bacon, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 28 oz can of tomatoes
- 1 lb frozen or fresh shrimp, peeled, deveined, washed
- 1 small handful of parsley

Directions

1. Bring water to boil and slowly pour in polenta. Lower

the heat and keep stirring for 3 to 5 minutes. Then take it off the heat and cover.

2. In a large pot, warm the olive oil then add bacon and garlic. Cook for a few minutes until the bacon gets brown, but not crispy. Add the tomatoes and break them up with the back of a wooden spoon or a potato masher. Simmer for about 10 minutes.

3. Toss the shrimp, with or without tails, into the tomato mixture and stir, cooking about 3 minutes, or until shrimp are cooked.

4. Give your polenta another stir and maybe even add a splash of water to loosen it. Create a nest of polenta and then ladle your sauce-y shrimp on top. Garnish with parsley.

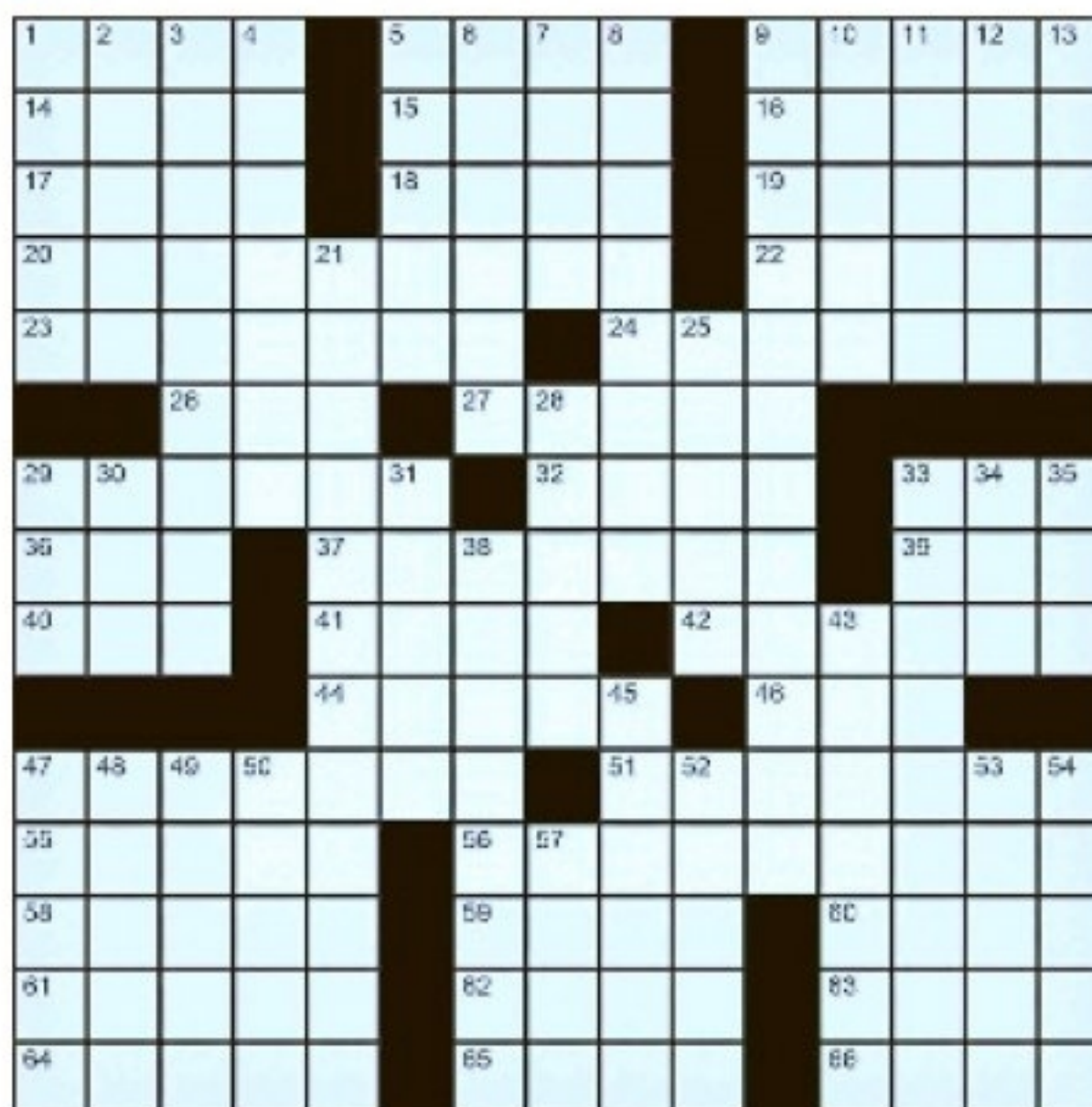
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ACROSS

1. Be boastful
5. Chicken origins
9. Super fun time
14. "Game of Thrones" actress Ms. Headey
15. Herr's wife
16. Employee's time to eat
17. Good vs. _
18. Plummet
19. Outkast member, _ 3000
20. Getting-nearer-to-the-end sports tournament round
22. Toronto's Loma, and others
23. Procrastinated
24. Vexing
26. Coffee alternative
27. Kept
29. Flowers
32. Surrealist painter Salvador
33. 'Client' ending (Patronage)
36. Rowboat paddle
37. 'A Prairie Oasis' town of southwest Saskatchewan
39. Neighbour of Swed.
40. The first American Idol ...her initials-sharers
41. Flippant
42. No sharps/No flats music scale: letter + word
44. 1966: "Walk Away _" by The Left Banke
46. 'Mountain'-meaning prefix
47. Ignore/send away
51. Wealthy
55. Up to a cer-



- tain time
56. Nut variety
58. Drop the drink
59. Finishes a cake
60. Spin
61. Wedding gown fabric
62. Old shipping weight allowance
63. United, femin-

- ine in French
64. War horse
65. "Bonanza" son
66. Vintage muscle cars

DOWN

1. Sanctify
2. Strengthen, as an embankment
3. Hanna-Barbera, and others
4. Legendary astronomer who lived from 1564 to 1642
5. _ Trinket, Elizabeth

- Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies
6. Baby _ (Types of pianos)
7. Fabulous festivity
8. "The Miracle Worker" (1962) teacher, Anne _
9. A real 'jewel' of a town in Al-

- berta: 2 wds.
10. Belonging to Rome's moon goddess
11. _ _ it goes (There you have it)
12. Buzz off!
13. Guess Who's _ Eyes
21. Specialty at Canadian fast food chain Harvey's, _ burgers
25. Excavation extraction
28. Sun-dried brick
29. _ choy (Leafy vegetable)
30. 'Lake' in Chicoutimi
31. Bargains
33. Fun-ness/delight
34. British bathroom
35. Flub
38. Craftsperson who works with light metals
43. Carpet store purchase: 2 wds.
45. Hosts an event
47. Tidies the coffee table
48. Opinion
49. Gateway to swipe a subway pass
50. _-feuille (Type of French pastry)
52. Hops-drying kilns
53. Farm song letters
54. Hills and _
57. 'Height'-meaning prefix

*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a lovely day to enjoy the company of siblings, neighbours and relatives. People will make an effort to engage with each other because everyone feels friendly and warmhearted.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Start this week off with clever money-making ideas. Business and commerce are favoured today, so you have the advantage. If shopping, you will love to buy beautiful things.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a great day to buy wardrobe treasures. Go shopping for something that makes you feel great. You probably will succeed in finding something.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Solitude in beautiful surroundings will delight you today. It's a gentle day, if you can get some peace and quiet. We all need time for quiet introspection and self-reflection.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others and deal with groups and organizations. You might influence someone who is artistic or creative. Or perhaps someone who is artistic will influence you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might develop a crush on your boss or someone in a position of authority today. Certainly, relations with authority figures will be smooth and easy today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You long to travel for pleasure. If you can get out of town today, do so. At least visit museums, art galleries and places that inspire you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Keep your pockets open because gifts, goodies and the wealth and assets of others can benefit you. If someone offers you something, just say, "Thank you!"

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is an excellent day to enlist the help of others and to work jointly with a partner or close friend. People feel very warm and loving to each other.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Expect a raise or at least praise at work today, because others are impressed with you. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Romance, love affairs, vacations and playful times are tops on the menu for you today. This is a fun-loving, pleasant day!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You will enjoy doing something to make your home look more attractive. This is also a good day to explore real estate possibilities.

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